

A NEW COLOR FORM OF SCAEVOLA TACCADA (GOODENIACEAE)
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Scaevola Taccada (Roxb.) Gaertn., var. *Taccada*,
forma punicea forma nova.

Lobis corollae excepta alis omnino puniceis.

Body of the corolla lobes rose-magenta within
and without.

Holotypus: Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Likiep
Atoll, Likiep Island, cult., Aug. 28, 1946,
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Discussion: This 4 m shrub was in cultivation
beside the house of a native Marshallese. It had
been found growing wild on the island, and was
brought into cultivation because of the beauty of its
rose-magenta flowers. The typical species differs
by having its corollas white or white with a few
tiny reddish veins.

The new epithet is the Latin adjective puniceus,
purplish red, and it refers to the color of the
corolla lobes.